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Pabianice

1. No barracks installations or Soviet or Polish units were located in Pabianice (Q 52/0 82) up to January 1951. An MO (militia) force, not quartered in barracks, was located in the city. It was commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Wlasnowski, (fmu), who was arrested, together with about 70 police officials and civilians, for his anti-Communist attitude in November 1950. The MO office was located in a five-story building, about 50 meters long, on Garnzarska Street. The MO members were 20 to 25 years old. They were considered exempt from active military duty and wore blue uniforms with long blue trousers and round caps mounting eagle emblems. They were equipped with Soviet-type carbines, submachine guns with drum magazines, and submachine guns with long stocks. The MO engaged in street patrols, traffic control duty, guerrilla-fighting, and political surveillance of the civic population. Occasionally, they were observed drilling on Schuetzen Square.

2. The UB (security police) office was located on Gdanska Street and was staffed with an estimated 100 men. It was headed by one Herschel, (fmu). Some of the UB personnel wore the usual grayish-green army uniforms with four-cornered caps, and others civilian clothes.

25X1X 3. [REDACTED] the preliminary registration of the 17-year-olds for the draft was held in Pabianice once a year by the RKO from Lask (Q 52/0 71). On the grounds of this registration, the participants were drafted into the SP (Polish Labor Service) for a period of two months if they were employed. Unemployed youths had to serve with the SP for an extended period of time.

Lodz

25X1X 4. From frequent visits to Lodz (Q 52/0 93) [REDACTED] an old barracks installation located near the main railroad station which had been occupied by an infantry regiment prior to World War II. [REDACTED] the installation was occupied again by a Polish infantry regiment. A yard opposite the installation was used as a drill field. *

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5. Polish infantry, artillery, engineer, and air force units were located in and around Lodz. No Polish units were located in the city, nor were Soviet units observed. Infantrymen wearing grayish-green uniforms, round caps with golden eagle emblems, and white-bordered epaulets were observed on the streets. They had long trousers with puttees. The artillerymen had red-bordered epaulets and wore boots without spurs with long trousers. The Polish Air Force personnel wore bluish-gray uniforms with open collars, gray shirts with black ties, long trousers with laced shoes, and round caps with silver eagle emblems. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Polish AAA units were also located in the city.

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Sieradz.

6. On a visit paid to Sieradz (Q 52/0 42) in late 1950, [REDACTED] the barracks installation [REDACTED] before the war was undamaged and occupied by Polish units. It was located northeast of the railroad station on the western bank of the Warthe River, west of a small bridge. Prior to the war, it had quartered two infantry battalions, a horse-drawn artillery battalion, an AAA unit, and a signal unit. [REDACTED] its capacity was not fully utilized [REDACTED]

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7. The barracks installation included two three-story buildings, about 80 to 100x30 meters, covered with tiled roofs, and another somewhat smaller three-story building, located in the space between the other two. Three stables and two storehouses, constructed of brick and arranged in one line, were located in the southern sector of the installation. The entire barracks area was about 1,500 x 500 meters.

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- * [REDACTED] Comment. The installation described by the present report is believed to be the barracks installation on Ul. 6 - go Sierpnia.
** [REDACTED] Comment. The Polish Army signal school is known to be located in Sieradz. Signal units are believed to be located in the barracks installation.

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